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Artesian wells in West Godavari.

* 170 *Q.*—Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to sink artesian wells under the Grow More Food Scheme in West Godavari district; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons why the proposal has not been pursued?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) A proposal for the sinking of artesian wells in the West Godavari district is under the consideration of the Government.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO:—" What is the average expenditure expected to be incurred on the sinking of an artesian well? In view of the fact that crops have constantly failed in most of the upland taluks of West Godavari district, will the Government consider the desirability of sinking these wells at least during this year? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" Particulars relating to the number of, and extent of land irrigated by, some of the existing artesian wells in the two districts and the payment of water-rate by the beneficiaries have been called for from the Director of Industries and Commerce and the Collectors of East Godavari and West Godavari. On receipt of particulars, the matter will be considered for sanction."

Sri S. NARAYANAPPA:—" Are any artesian wells sunk in Anantapur district in Rayalaseema? "

Mr. SPEAKER:—" The main question relates to the West Godavari district. So, the hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Harijan Welfare School teachers.

* 171 *Q.*—Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any rule of Government that Harijan Welfare School teachers should not be kept in the same place for more than a specified period?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" There is no such rule."

Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO:—" May I know whether the general rule applicable to all Government servants that no officer shall be kept in the same place for more than three years is applicable to the teachers in Harijan Welfare Schools also? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I have already stated that there is no such rule so far as Harijan Welfare Schools are concerned."